



*Revitalizing the Heart of Lenoir County
We cannot do what we do without you*

**DOWNTOWN KINSTON REVITALIZATION
APPLICATION FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP
2023-2024**

I. Downtown Kinston Revitalization (DK) Board Membership Overview

Community support and engagement ensures the work of Downtown Kinston Revitalization (DK) continues to improve our community. We actively seek community members who share the mission and vision of the organization, are team players, willing to commit to the required trainings of the State and National Main Street programs under whose umbrella we operate, and who can commit to maintaining a strong, collaborative and mutually supportive organization. Our Board and organization is active and engaged, populated with volunteers who are passionate about improving downtown and making it a viable part of our commUNITY. We work closely with the City and other organizations and individuals to revitalize downtown Kinston: to create an attractive historic downtown with diverse 21st-Century vibrancy and economic opportunity and unity. DK builds upon multiple assets that define our community's past, present and future as well as developing new opportunities; community economic development and revitalization within the context of historic preservation per our mission. We are a working team organization that welcomes all without judgement in the spirit of unity as our community belongs to every citizen.

If you are passionate about the revitalization of your downtown that city residents can be proud of and attract visitors, investment and growth to our city that improves the lives of everyone, this is the volunteer opportunity for you.

If you are a team-player, resourceful, can raise money, passionate about the well-being of your community, can dedicate time to the work, able to assist with our events, learn about and serve as a knowledgeable ambassador of DK, learn new things and support our mission and vision then we want you to apply.

We are a working group focused on our purpose, and we have fun doing it. If this sounds interesting to you and you want to get involved, please apply.

Board meetings are held monthly, typically the last Thursday of the month, currently at 5:30PM.

*** Applications are reviewed and voted on by the board.** The first 6 months for selected applicants is a trial period for both parties. Current Bylaws limit Board membership to 11-13. Ideally, starting the process as a committee volunteer before becoming a Board member allows one to become familiar with procedures, processes, and organizational goals and intents, making for a more acclimated Board member.

Thank you for your interest.

Board Application

II. General Information (please print)

Name _____

Address City State Zip Code

Best Phone Number

Email Address

Place of Work/Title

Please list all community organizations, committees or non-profit organizations you are currently involved with along with your role(s).

Do you follow Downtown Kinston Revitalization (Pride of Kinston) on Face Book? Y___ N___

Have you visited our website www.downtownkinston.com? Y___ N___

1. The DK Board meets monthly on the last Thursday of the full week of the month, at 5:30 PM. Will you be able to consistently attend these meetings? Y___ N___

2. Have you ever served as a Downtown Revitalization Board member in any community? Y___ N___

If yes, when ? _____

What was your role? _____

3. Do you know a current Downtown Kinston Revitalization Board or Committee Member? Y___ N___
If yes, then who? _____

4. Briefly tell us why you want to join the Downtown Kinston Revitalization Board?

5. Do you own property or a business in the downtown Municipal Service District? Y___ N___

6. In what ways may you have been involved with Downtown Kinston Revitalization?

7. Have you ever attended or assisted/volunteered with our sponsored events such as Kinston Summerfest, Pub Crawls, New Year's Eve Gala, (since 2018) Christmas lighting in Pearson Park or Christmas Parade?

Y___ N___

Which one(s) and in what way?

Do you help sponsor any of these events? Y___ N___

8. Please tell us about your past experience raising funds for a non-profit organization.

9. What Committee would you be most interested in serving on (please rank 1 through 4)? All board members must serve on at least one committee.

- Promotions _____
 - Business promotional and DK community events
- Economic Vitality _____
 - Business recruitment and property development experience preferred

- Design Committee _____
 - Architectural, landscape, and design training or experience is preferred; consultation
- Organization _____
 - Ensures the financial sustainability of the organization, and manages organizational structure

10. Downtown Kinston Revitalization Board Members are asked to contribute their fair share of volunteer hours to assist with events and projects as well as consistently attend Board and committee meetings. Volunteer hours are tracked for statistics reporting purposes only and do not count toward financial assistance to the organization. Will you be able to do this? Y___ N___

11. Our Board Members are expected to participate in organizational fundraising for operational, projects and events. This entails soliciting financial support for the non-profit organization and events.

Do you agree? Y___ N___

12. Board members are required to participate in certain trainings by the Main Street organization.

Are you willing to do this: Y___ N___

Your Signature and Date: _____, ____/____/____

Applications will be reviewed by the DK Executive Committee and Organization Committee before being voted on by the Board. If accepted, this application serves as a contractual commitment to the organization.

Our bylaws state: The Board of Directors shall actively engage in the business and success of the Pride of Kinston by attending meetings, supporting and promoting its mission and vision including encouraging all volunteers to be actively engaged in the organization, ensuring the organization is financially solvent and secure through annual personal giving as well as seeking other financial support for the organization, its endeavors, and its growth.

Bylaws limit our number of Board member positions. However, we always have space available on one of our committees. We encourage all interested members to get involved at the committee level first. This is a great avenue to become familiar with our organization. Therefore, if you are not selected at this time to serve on the Board, please continue to show your interest by being involved with one of our committees.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office at 252-522-8003 and speak with our Executive Director, Leon Steele.

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